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Issues for the coming Presidential election are beginning to take form. Republicans will flail the air for fewer controls, freer enterprise. Precise nature of attack must await selection of candidate. Here Democrats have an edge—their candidate is virtually determined. Democratic campaign is really under way now (at taxpayer's expense) in President's projected western trip. Slogan: "Keep TRUMAN and Prosperity." Effective. Almost unprecedented to turn out party in period of high employment, large profits. But despite this "prosperity" great middle-class segment is reducing standards, living on reserves, or going in debt, due to higher living costs. This is grave concern of both parties. Each will blame opposition. May develop into the paramount campaign issue.

Republicans are vulnerable in their failure to keep budget-reduction promises; evasion of controversial legislation. Suffer from overconfidence, a chronic weakness. WALLACE is not gaining as expected; his deflections help TRUMAN.

Attempts will be made to arouse public on Foreign Policy, but it's difficult to foresee durable issue. Both parties parallel majority public opinion on such vital issues as help to Europe, preparedness, the draft. Will simmer down to breast-beating contest—Elephant trying to prove Donkey color-blind, and vice versa.

MAY WE *Quote* YOU ON THAT?

DWIGHT D EISENHOWER, pres of Columbia Univ: "It is impossible for any man to speak for the U S with the authority Mr Stalin speaks for Russia. If he could, it wouldn't be America." 1-Q

Dr CHAS E MERRIAM, economist: "It is time to call a halt to the stream of bitter, smearing attacks, indiscriminately made on public servants." 2-Q

Dr LETITIA FAIRFIELD, medical officer, London County Council: "The very future of the universe depends upon our breeding a people so able to control their instincts and to regard the welfare of others as well as of themselves, that they can even overcome the menace of the atom bomb." 3-Q

Sen ARTHUR VANDENBERG, of Mich: "The Communist fraternity sooner or later produces but one kind of fraternity—the kind Jonah enjoyed when he was swallowed by the whale." 4-Q

ERIC JOHNSTON, pres, Motion Picture Ass'n of America: "We all want the Marshall plan to be a springboard for Europe instead of a wheel chair. We don't want it to begin as a hand-out and run on from yr to yr as a dole." 5-Q

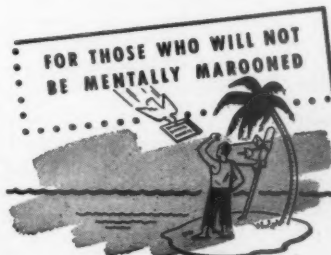
Sen CLAUDE PEPPER, of Fla: "We are spending billions to halt aggression in Europe. Why shouldn't we just as willingly halt aggression in Palestine?" 6-Q

NORMAN THOMAS, Socialist candidate for Pres: "It is a bad sign when people say 'We must save us.' This tendency to search for a leader rather than a program indicates a trend toward hysteria." 7-Q

Adm CHESTER W NIMITZ, wartime chief of Pacific Fleet: "It takes a huge industrial might to wage war nowadays, and I don't think any country is in a position to muster that might." 8-Q

Rep J EDGAR CHENOWETH of Colo, referring to "Voice of America" broadcasts: "We can give them factual programs and news, but I very much doubt if it is the business of the U S Gov't to provide entertainment for the world." 9-Q

Maj Gen'l NIKOLAI TALENSKY, USSR: "The Soviet army is ready for a hard, prolonged war. Our modern, 1st class army has worked out strategy and tactics far superior to the bourgeois theories of tank and air war, blitzkrieg, total war, etc." 10-Q





ACHIEVEMENT—1

The trouble with many graduates after commencement is that they don't commence. — ARNOLD STANG, *Milwaukee Jnl.*

ACTION—Inaction—2

A wrong-doer is often a man who has left something undone, not always he who has done something. — *Fraternal Monitor.*

AMBITION—Realized—3

Heywood Broun once rec'd an invitation to attend a college class reunion. He decided not to go. "The reason I'm not going," he said, "is that I don't like to eat with dead men." Twenty yrs before, a class of college boys had faced the future "strong in will to strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield." But in many instances the bright will and the bright dream had lacked the vitality to live. They had quietly died and in their place had come earthbound complacency. Heywood Broun knew what had happened. He could not make merry at the banquet table where he would have to look at lives that were the graveyards of high expectations. — NAT G LONG, *Pulpit Preaching.*

AMERICA—Russia—4

Now the Russo-American crisis has reached the stage of Truce or Consequences. — DON IDON, *Overseas and Transatlantic Mail* (London), 4-24-'48.

BOOKS—5

In the early days of Tuskegee, the librarian came to Booker T Washington in great excitement. "Mr Washington," she said, "the

students have stolen over \$200 worth of books!"

Booker T thought for a moment and then said, "Very fine, very fine."

The lady was puzzled, "But, Mr Washington," she emphasized, "I said they have stolen over \$200 worth of books!"

The educator was now smiling. "I understood you at first, Madam, and I still say it is fine. When a Negro starts stealing books, that's progress!" — ARTHUR P DAVIS, *Norfolk Jnl and Guide.*

CHILDREN—6

Children are small people who are not permitted to act as their parents did when they were at that age. — JOSEPHUS HENRY, *Scottsbluff Star-Herald.*

COMMUNISM—7

A Communist is simply a Socialist in a hurry. — HENRY J TAYLOR, radio commentator.

CONSCIENCE—8

The popular novelist, Albert Payson Terhune, once admitted that, like the well-known Scotsman, he had a conscience that was not powerful enough to keep him out of mischief but only powerful enough to keep him from enjoying it. The 1st manifestation of this quality Terhune experienced in his early childhood. He stood accused of eating an entire bowlful of lump sugar.

"Did you do it?" his mother demanded.

"Yes," wailed the young culprit, "but I cried all the time I was eating it!" — *Wall St Jnl.*

COURAGE—Bravery—9

Courage is above bravery like as the head is above the body. Where the soul of bravery is daring, that of courage is nobility. Where the fruit of bravery is glory, that of courage is virtue. — EDWARD COURSIN, *Judy's.*

COURTSHIP—10

A man should choose for a wife only such a woman as he would choose for a friend, were she a man. — JOUBERT.

DECISION—11

An officer once came to Grant's headquarters and called to his attention the vast expenditure of money involved in an order he had given, and asked him if he was sure he was right. "No," said Grant, "I am not; but in war anything is

better than indecision. We must decide. If I am wrong we will soon find it out and can do the other thing. But not to decide wastes both time and money, and may ruin everything." — *New Illustrator.*

DETAILS—Significance—12

One test of bigness is in doing little things in a big way. — *Christian Union Herald.*

DIVORCE—13

Statistics show that couples living in trailers have fewer divorces than others. There is a certain incentive to a man to hold onto a wife who, when she goes back to mother, can take the house along with her. — BILL VAUGHAN, *Kansas City Star.*

They DO Say...

As the season of Romance advances, we are heartened by the evidence that Love Conquers All, even penetrating the impervious hides of public servitors. The postal service of Venezuela now transmits love letters at half rate, provided they are encased in red envelopes. And in England, the London County Council has ordered 2-place benches installed in parks, so that spooners can get away from kibitzers. . . . If you are amongst those who believe that a yr contains only 52 wks, you're a bit behind the times. In the U S, more than 100 special wks have been crowded into the '48 calendar. And of Special Days, there's literally no end. What with Mother's Day, Father's Day, Children's Day, and all the other present-buying occasions, GARY MOORE, of the *Take it or Leave it* radio program, has been constrained to launch yet another: he calls it "Nothin' Day." You just sit tight and hold onto your money. . . . And we are reminded by the *New Yorker* that Canada Dry, which once sponsored the *Information Please* radio program, is now represented on the air by *It Pays to be Ignorant!*

EDUCATION—14

Education is power, indifferent power that can just as easily be put to purposes of evil as of good. Civilization doesn't depend on the existence of power, but on the morality of the person who uses the power.

Today we are more interested in the character of the rulers who will use the atom bomb than we are in the intelligence of the men who construct the bomb.—JOHN B SHEERIN, "The American Mentality," *Homiletic & Pastoral Review*, 4-'48.

FAITH—vs Skepticism—15

A skeptic once derided a Christian man by asking him, "Say, Geo, what would you say if, when you die, you found there *wasn't* such a place as heaven after all?"

With a smile the believer replied, "I should say—'Well, I've had a good time getting there, anyway!'"

Then the Christian sent a boomarang back to the skeptic: "I say, Fred," he asked, "what would you say if, when you die, you found there *was* such a place as hell after all?"—Origin unknown.

FLAG DAY—(June 14)—16

We meet to celebrate Flag Day because this flag which we honor and under which we serve is the emblem of our unity, our power, our thought and purpose as a nation. It has no other character than that which we give it from generation to generation. The choice is ours. It floats in majestic silence above the hosts that execute those choices whether in peace or war. And yet, tho silent, it speaks to us—speaks to us of the past, of the men and women who went before us and of the records they wrote upon it. We celebrate the day of its birth; and from its birth until now it has witnessed a great history, has floated on high the symbol of great events, of a great plan of life worked out by a great people.—WOODROW WILSON.

HAPPINESS—17

The elusiveness of happiness is indicated by the fact that it cannot be sought and found for its own sake, nor as an end, but is something like a butterfly, which, when pursued, seems always just beyond our grasp, but which, if we sit down quietly, may light upon us.—*Sentinel*.

HUMAN NATURE—18

Men are not good or bad; they are good and bad.—*Threads*, hm, Geometric Tool Co.

INSPIRATION—Environment—19

What would most of us do all day in the Garden of Eden anyway? After 1 day, who could, for long,

find inspiration from such surroundings? — JAS W RILEY, "It Seems to Me," *Red Barrel*, hm, Coca Cola Co, 4-'48.

Dear Old Dad

While fathers all over America are being snowed under with loud neckties and ash trays, it is interesting to note that in some parts of the world Father's Day is a complete bust. There is an island near Sumatra on which children take the mother's name and only daughters can inherit property. The Pani Kotche tribe of Bengal is even worse off—if a father goes into debt, his wife has the right to sell him into slavery; and on Palau Island, the women can have any male executed if he even disturbs their contemplation.—*This Wk.* 20

IRONY—21

A state teachers education committee was meeting in the capitol. For one day the committee met in the senate chamber, while across the way in the other house the liquor men were meeting. On the 2nd day the education committee had to give way to the beer barons in the senate chamber. The education committee moved to the senate judiciary hearing room on a side hall.

An inquirer on places of meetings rec'd the following answer from the janitor: "The beer men are in the senate, the whisky men are in the house, and the education meeting on the side."—DAVID KIRBY, *NEA Jnl*.

KNOWLEDGE—22

The man who knows *how* will hang on to his job, but the man who knows *why* will be his boss.—BILL RUSH, Coal Dealer.

LABOR—Relations—23

It might be better if the term were "corrective bargaining," since its true purpose is to correct injustices and inequalities—on both sides.—*Mgt Briefs*, hm, Rogers & Slade, Mgt Consultants.

LANGUAGE—24

Words have wings but keep them down to earth.—HOWARD W NEWTON, *Adv & Selling*.

MEMORY—25

Confucius had the solution when he said, "To be wronged or robbed is nothing unless you continue to remember it."—EARL RINEY, *Church Mgt*.

MIND—26

Small minds talk about people; average minds talk about things; great minds talk about ideas.—Sign in metaphysical center quoted by RAYMOND BARKER, "The Watchful Mind," *Science of Mind*, 6-'48.

MONEY—27

What this country needs is a new kind of money that would be easier to save than to spend.—*Cincinnati Enquirer*.

OPTIMISM—vs Pessimism—28

The pessimist says, "If I don't try, I can't fail."

The optimist says, "If I don't try, I can't win."—*L & N Magazine*, hm, Louisville & Nashville Ry.

PHILOSOPHY—29

Congressman Sol Bloom, House Foreign Affairs Committee mbr, always drops a coin in the st as he leaves his home. He explains it this way: "Somebody is sure to find it and be happy the rest of the day."—*Jnl of Living*.

POTENTIALITY—30

Man's tragedy lies in the fact that his goodness remains only potential. — BERNARD IDINGS BELL, *World Affairs Interpreter*.



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AUTOMOBILE—Appliances: Engine-starter for use on automobiles, trucks and motor boats makes it possible to start engine by merely turning on ignition key; if engine stalls, starter operates automatically; moderately priced, easy to install and does not interfere with normal operation of engine. (*Horizons*, syndicated by Cambridge Associates, Boston)

ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES: Gen'l Electric announced an inexpensive remote-control system for home electric wiring. With it, the kitchen coffee maker can be switched on from the bedroom, the entire house can be lit up from the bedroom to scare off burglars, and the radio can be turned off from the telephone stand. (*Newsweek*)

ILLUMINATION: Flashlight that shows either green or red has been developed for policemen and traffic regulators. (*Grit*)

INTERIOR DECORATION: New type of wall covering is made of 1-in cut squares of plywood bonded to a fabric backing. Checked plywood faces provide an excellent surface for painting and allow various interesting effects to be obtained in both one and two tones. Covering can be applied to flat or curved surfaces including inside and outside corners. (*Des Moines Register*)

SAFETY DEVICES: Safety valve tire core, fits any standard type valve, automatically releases excessive air pressure, providing protection against blow-outs caused by air expansion during hot weather. Device, easily installed, can be set to accommodate any air pressure range motorist may desire. (*Science News Letter*)

PREJUDICES—31

Prejudices—they put one behind hate-balls!—P K THOMAJAN, *Phoenix Flame*, hm, Phoenix Metal Cap Co.

RELIGION—32

An aged Negro woman described a younger mbr of her congregation as having, "Jes' enough 'ligion to make her mis'able—too much to be happy dancin', drinkin', and carryin' on, an' too little to be right happy at prayer meetin'."—PETE SIMER, *American Legion Magazine*.

SEXES—33

The war between the sexes will never be fought to a successful conclusion—mainly because there is so much fraternizing with the enemy. —*Armstrong Trap*, hm, Armstrong Machine Works.

SUCCESS—34

It was graduation time in a Philadelphia school. Each child was to write on the bottom of her paper what she wanted to be when she finished the high school they were to enter.

The teacher read the answers, with the names, to the class. Jane wanted to be an air hostess, Marjorie wanted to be a private secretary, and so on—all wanted some high post in life—until she came to a little colored girl's contribution.

"I want to be a success!" the teacher read from her paper. It was the highest and best answer, and she won the prize.—*Christian Science Monitor*.

TOLERANCE—35

Of all the virtues tolerance is the noblest. It encompasses all the others. Without it there can be no true charity, faith, or hope.—FRAZIER HUNT, *One American and His Attempt at Education*. (Simon & Schuster)

VALUES—36

Another trouble with the country is that many a false-alarm rates as much publicity as a conflagration. —HENRY VANCE, *Birmingham News-Age-Herald*.

VIEWPOINT—37

He was in bad shape when they brought him up from the pit. Before he could be freed the doctor had to amputate his leg.

But in the ambulance room he seemed quite cheery, and when his son arrived, and couldn't find words to express his emotion, the father said from coal-blackened lips: "Never mind, lad. Only 1 boot to clean on Sunday morning!" — J WILLIAMS, *John Bull*. (Great Britain)

VISION—38

In an old Hindu story Ammi says to his son, "Bring me a fruit of that tree and break it open. What is there?"

The son replies, "Some small seeds."

"Break one and then what to you see?"

"Nothing, my lord."

"My child," said the wise man, "where you see nothing there dwells a mighty tree."—From publication of Rotary Club of Dannevirke, New Zealand, quoted in *Rotarian*.

"Long May It Wave"

I have seen the glories of art and architecture, and mountain and river; I have seen the sunset on the Jungfrau, and the full moon rise over Mont Blanc; but the fairest vision on which these eyes ever looked was the flag of my country in a foreign land. Beautiful as a flower to those who love it, terrible as a meteor to those who hate it, it is the symbol of the power and glory, and the honor, of millions of Americans. — GEO FRISBIE HOAR.

A thoughtful mind, when it sees a nation's flag, sees not the flag only, but the nation itself; and whatever may be its symbols, its insignia, he reads chiefly in the flag the gov't, the principles, the truths, the history, which belong to the nation.—FRANCIS M BELLAMY. 39

WAR—Preparation—40

Military Preparedness is not a solution but only a device to gain time. Preparedness must be accompanied by parallel efforts to erect the structure of enforceable world law, if arming is ever to be halted short of collective suicide.—MARION H ETCEVERRY, *Future*.

WOMEN—41

There are times when we think that the plural of whim is women. —*Banking*.

An appointment with Liberty and Freedom



BEN HECHT, in *A Guide for the Bedevilled* (Scribner, \$2.50), launches the most penetrating attack against anti-Semitism we have yet read. More than a plea for tolerance, it is an analysis of the anti-Semite—historical, European and American. Today, more than ever, racial intolerance is in evidence in this

country. Perhaps it is the backwash from the European brutalities of the last decade. We all know the active anti-Semites—but there are many who, believing themselves full of tolerance, are actually on the border-line of racism. BEN HECHT makes no apology for the Jewishness of Jews; rather he explains their dynamic quality of life, and their individualism which makes them act "like the yeast in the bread of civilization." He said: I decided to write this book when I was lunching with a famous lady, a lady a little lacking in wit but full of very high-sounding ideas. . .

Whenever I met this lady, I wondered if Joan of Arc or Semiramis, the one-breasted queen of the Amazons, had been as full of visible importance. I doubt it, for the importance of spiritual and royal leaders is a small thing beside the strut of those who wear the paper crown of ideas.

This lady and I have known each other for some yrs and our meetings have always been of an amiable nature. We admired each other but, having ideas more or less alike, there was never much we could talk about. . . We gossiped aimlessly for an hr or so on the stupidity of the movies, the stupidity of the theatre, and the stupidity of literature—from which it can be seen that we were avoiding any topics of importance. We moved into the library to have coffee. "I would like you to tell me something, very frankly," she said, finally. "Do you mind talking about Jews?"

"It is one of my favorite topics," I ans'd, lying gallantly—for at that time, a yr ago, it was a topic with which I had hardly more than flirted. "I'm very glad," she said. "Jews are often a little skittish about the subject."

"You don't have to be too tactful," I said. "Jewishness is not a venereal disease."

"I was sure you'd feel that way," she said, "because after all, you are not the kind of a Jew who thinks that any discussion of Jews is intended as a personal slight."

But I was socially a little surprised. It had never occurred to me that my friend regarded me as a Jew of any kind. Here was the little slap that pinks the face of the American Jew. He fancies himself a social, spiritual, and literary ally—an individual colored only by his ideas and achievements—and

presto! he hears his true name called over a coffee cup. I was aware that after many yrs of intellectual kinship, a divorce had taken place. We were no longer 2 Americans in a library, as alike as the stripes on our flag. We were a pair of unrelated and mysterious coffee drinkers. . .

"I would like to know," she went on, "how you explain the unpopularity of the Jews. What do you think it is, about the Jew that makes him so constant a victim? What is it in him that attracts so much anger and arouses people everywhere? . . . The Jews complain," she spoke on, "but they never stop to reason or to explain or to figure out and tell the world what they, and they only, know." She was a policeman intent on solving a crime by arresting the corpse. . .

Perhaps her querulous feeling about Jews was based on the fact that the Jews were complaining so much against their extermination. . . "The Germans," cried my hostess, "are not a race of killers, fiends, of a special and different sort of sub-human beings. You cannot say that as a man of intelligence."

"Yes, I can," I said.

"No, you are speaking now only as a Jew," she pointed out triumphantly. "You are emotional and one-sided. I'm rather surprised. . ."

The telephone, much as it does on the stage, ended our scene. My hostess had appointments with Liberty and Freedom in a number of places. We shook hands gingerly. "I would like to discuss this matter more fully. . . We might do something together on the subject that would be a great help," she said. I decided I would do something, but without the further help of my hostess. She had assisted me enough. I decided I would write a book and



Father's Day

And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.—Ephesians 6:4.

"What is the greatest grief of fathers?" I asked a friend. Promptly he repl'd: "Why, seeing our sons inherit all of our weaknesses."

The graduating class at Yale voted on this question: "What man in the world do you most admire?" And a majority ans'd: "My father." —WM LYON PHELPS.

Father!—to God himself we cannot give a holier name. — WM WORDSWORTH.

This is the duty of a father, to accustom his son to act rightly rather of his own accord than from unnatural fear.—TERENCE.

There are many kinds of success in life worth having. It is exceedingly interesting and attractive to be a successful business man, a ry man, a farmer, or a successful lawyer or doctor; or a writer, or a President, or a ranchman, or the col of a fighting regiment, or to kill grizzly bears and lions. But for unflagging interest and enjoyment, a household of children, if things go reasonably well, certainly makes all other forms of success and achievement lose their importance by comparison.—THEO ROOSEVELT.

Many an excellent man is tempted to forget that the best offering he can make his children is himself.— HENRY NEUMANN.

try to put in it the little I knew about Jews and the great deal I knew about their enemies. No such urgent decision had ever commanded me before.

GOOD STORIES

You Can Use

I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

JAS L. MCCONAUGHY
Gov of Connecticut

Before leaving his office to go to lunch, a real estate dealer, who was building a new house at the edge of a small New England town, dispatched to the site a painter who was to find out when the interior decorating could be started. When the real estate dealer ret'd from lunch he found on his desk a note which read: "On account of Joe and Fred was, your house is not plastered yet. . . Sam."—*Wall St Jnl.* a

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Most people stand up when they hear the nat'l anthem played—and fall down when they try to sing it.—DON P RADDE, Sparta (Wis) Herald.

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The mgr of a N Y hotel was impressed with the courtesy of a new elevator boy who invariably greeted him in the lobby with a loud "Hello!" When they met on the st, however, the boy just nodded. Upon being told that politeness should extend outside the hotel, he repl'd thoughtfully: "I guess you're right, but they didn't say anything about that. The other operators just told me to yell 'Hello!' good and loud so they'd know you were around."—*P M.* b

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Sign for your front yard:
"Please, I want to be a-lawn."
—EARL WILSON, syndicated col.

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I was visiting an old friend of bygone yrs. After dinner, her daughter, 14, betook herself to the radio instead of helping with the dishes, complaining that she had a sore finger.

"Why, dishwater is good for sore fingers," I told her.

Whereupon the brat dipped up a cupful and sat with her finger immersed in it!—*Rocky Mountain Empire Magazine.* c

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Hollywood is where people go to write their wrongs. — BILL LAWRENCE, radio program.

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A ferocious football game was on between the Protestant Packers and the Catholic Crushers. As the Packers scored, one spectator cheered and threw his hat high in the air. When the Crushers scored this

An outbreak of smallpox in a southern city caused an order to be issued for the immediate vaccination of all citizens who had not been thus immunized within the yr. To facilitate the work, each voting precinct had its own vaccination unit and residents were req'd to report to it as soon as possible.

A negro mammy applied at the wrong place. "Sorry, Mammy," said the doctor, "you'll have to be vaccinated in your precinct."

"So das it," said Mammy, righteously indignant. "De white ladies gits vasinated in de ahms or de laigs—and we gits it in de precink!"—*SAC Sidelights*, hm, Securities Acceptance Corp'n.

same spectator was equally delighted. This puzzled the man in the next seat, so he asked, "Which side are you rooting for, my good man?"

"Who, me?" repl'd the excited cheerer. "Oh, I'm not supporting either side. I'm just here to enjoy the game."

Whereupon the questioner sneered to a friend next to him, "Hmm, an atheist!"—*Parts Pups*, hm, Genuine Parts Co. d

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These days, if you give a man an inch he rents it.—VAUGHN MONROE, Milwaukee Jnl.

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Jan Ignace Paderewski, the great pianist, and his wife were honor guests at a banquet given by Theodore Roosevelt when he was President. After the banquet, Paderewski played for the company. Teddy Roosevelt was violently enthusiastic.

"It was bully, bully, bully!" he cried.

Later, the puzzled Paderewski

asked his wife what the President meant by that word he used with such flattering gusto.

She smiled. "I think he means you play with the grace and skill and glory of one who fights the bull!"

Paderewski was greatly pleased.—*D E WHEELER, Today's Woman.* e

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Our own definition of a small town is a place where a man is respected not for how much money he makes, but for how early he rises in the morning.—*Winneconne News.*

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A school teacher told her pupils to listen to their parents' conversation and if they heard any new words to look up the meaning in the dictionary and write a sentence using the word properly. The next day she asked Johnny what word he had heard. He repl'd that he had heard the word "pregnant" and the definition given in the dictionary was "To carry a child." The teacher asked, "Have you a sentence using it?"

"Yes, ma'am," he repl'd. "The fireman climbed a ladder into the burning bldg and came down pregnant."—*Speakers Magazine.* f

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One ordinary father can support 4 children, but it takes 4 extraordinary children to support 1 father.—*Lifetime.*

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Small Walter was strolling down the st with his still smaller niece when a neighbor stopped to comment on the little girl's growth.

"Can she talk yet?" asked the neighbor.

"No," admitted Walter. "She has her teeth, but her words haven't come in yet."—*IRENE SCOTT, Reader's Scope.* g

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When stick-up men held up the Mounds Club, where Peter Lind Hayes was appearing, the group in-

cluded a mbr who evidently was a jewelry appraiser. He examined a lady's diamond ring and said, "No, it's phony." The lady protested: "Phony, my eye. It's real. It cost \$8,000." "OK, lady," the stick-up man told her. "Have it your way then"—and took it.—LEONARD LYONS, syndicated col. h

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 Silver coins are no longer dangerous to children who put them in their mouths. No germ can live on less than a dollar bill these days.—BEN SALLOWS, Alliance (Neb) Times-Herald.

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 The local miser stomped into the local doctor's office, pounded the floor with his cane and wheezed: "You're a danged old fraud! I came to you in 1904 for a cold and you charged me \$3."

"I cured you, didn't I?" asked the doctor.

"Cured me!" stormed the former patient. "Look at me! I'm sneezing again!"—Bolling Beam. i

It isn't the thing we do or say,
 But all in the way we do or say
 it.
 What would the egg amount to,
 pray,
 If the hen got up on the perch
 to lay it?
 —Collector-Hobbyist. j

A little girl was proudly showing her playmate her new home.

"This is my daddy's den," she said. "Does your daddy have a den?"

"No," was the answer, "he just growls all over the house."—Woodmen of the World Magazine. k

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 Kisses may not spread germs but they certainly lower resistance. — LOUISE ERICKSON, radio program.

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 Two tramps sat beneath a water tank in the damp shade. The old hobo asked, "Going east, son?"

"Yes," repl'd the younger.

"Don't do it," the old one cautioned.

"Why not?"

"Twont do any good for me

to tell you why not. Just take the advice of an older man and don't do it. You wouldn't believe me if I told you. Even when you see it you won't believe it."

"Won't believe what?" asked the mystified young tramp.

"You'll see folks running—to work!"—EDW TRINNEER, Tracks, hm, C & O Ry. l

" "
 Little Tobey was telling mother about his day at school. "Mother," he said, "today our teacher asked me whether I had any brothers or sisters, and I told her I was the only child."

"And what did she say?" asked his mother.

"She said, 'Thank goodness!'"—Kablegram. m

" "
 A fellow lost a buck in a department store the other day, but the clerk told him not to worry. "It's around someplace. You know a dollar doesn't go very far these days."—Cumberland Advocate.

" "
 A new father was looking over the babies thru the big glass window in the infant ward. Every baby there, it seemed, was crying.

"What's the matter in there?" he asked a nurse.

"If you were only a few days old, out of a job and owed the government \$2,050, you'd be bawling too," the nurse repl'd.—L & N Magazine, hm, Louisville & Nashville Ry. n

" "
 People are certain to stew about something or other. Those who aren't fussing about the country being in the red are worrying about the reds being in the country.—Platteville Jnl.

" "
 It is said of a noted Va judge that he always comes out ahead. An incident of his childhood might prove this. "Well, Benny," said his father, when the lad had been going to school about a month, "what did you learn today?" "About a mouse, father." "Spell 'mouse,'" his father asked. After a while Benny ans'd, "Father, I don't believe it was a mouse after all. It was a rat."—Christian Observer.

This WACKY WORLD

Ad in Bethlehem (Pa) Globe-Times, via Editor & Publisher: "Brassiere Operators Wanted Due to Expansion."

" "
 After a printing error made a classified ad read, "Wanted: man between 25 and 50 with an arc" ("arc" should have read "car"), the Fulton (Mo) Sun-Gazette got a worried letter from a reader: "You ask for a man with an arc. When do you expect the flood to come? We are anxious to know as we need the rain very bad. Thank you."—ARTHUR LANSING, American.

" "
 "What a silly thing to do!" said the dr's wife as she looked at the book from which her husband had torn some pages.

"What's wrong, dear?" he asked. "Why, you've torn all the pages from the back part of this book," she repl'd somewhat angrily.

"Aw," he said placatingly, "can't you let a fellow have a little fun? I haven't removed an appendix in a long time."—Capper's Wkly. p

" "
 "And what is your reason for wishing to marry my daughter?" asked the father.

Puzzled, the young man scratched his head, pondered a second, then ans'd: "I have no reason. I'm in love."—Townsend Nat'l Wkly. q

" "
 My little boy had gone to Sunday school for the 1st time. When he ret'd I asked him, "What did you learn today, darling?"

"Oh, Mommie, I learned about the 1st man."

"What was his name, dear?"

"Adam."

"Did you learn anything else?"

"Yes, Mommie. I learned about the 1st woman."

"And what was her name?"

He thought for a while, then his face lighted with recollection. "Madam!"—Mrs L J PESSIN, Times-Picayune New Orleans States Magazine. r

Mining THE MAGAZINES



The Marshall Plan and Our Economy—Kiplinger Magazine, 5-'48.

What will the Marshall Plan do to our economy as a whole? Two things, generally. It will be a boon to business—both ends of the payroll. It will force inconveniences and sacrifices on us as individuals. More specifically:

1. The Plan will keep our '48 and probably '49 exports very nearly as high as in '47, an all-time record yr. It will even prevent the drying-up of foreign mkts in some fields, mainly agricultural. . .

2. Exporters of so-called "non-Marshall Plan" goods will also benefit thru the direct dollar earnings of the Plan countries as they revive, and thru Plan dollars spent in non-Plan countries.

3. Continued U S employment in export trades will generate prosperity.

4. Some domestic prices won't come down as soon as they otherwise might.

5. Further tax cuts will be weighed against both Plan and new defense costs.

6. Plan will prolong many shortages; won't create new ones, except temporarily. Plan will not aggravate U S food shortages. Aside from meat (which shortage Plan didn't inspire) we'll eat as well as last yr.

One important economic point to keep in mind: Today Europe is our customer. Tomorrow—thanks to our help—it will also be our competitor. To this point supporters reply that, given prosperity both here and in Europe, world-wide benefits will open new mkts to all.

U S People Favor World Co-operation—ELMO ROFER, Public Opinion Analyst, as reported in Detroit Free Press, 5-9-'48.

The American people have not given up hope that the UN can be

made to work. They do not want it disbanded. But they are not now abundantly optimistic that the UN alone can keep the peace.

Recently, a cross-section of the American people were asked if they had heard of the UN, or United Nations. A total of 89.3 had heard or read of it. These persons who had heard of the organization were then asked if they felt it has a good, fair, or poor chance of being able to maintain the peace.

Those who felt that UN had a good chance in this respect totaled 18.6; a fair chance, 41., and a poor chance, 22. The undecided totaled 7.7.

"Would we have a better chance for peace," these same individuals were then asked, "if we relied solely on ourselves, backed by the atomic bomb?" Sixty-seven per cent (more than two-thirds) believed that we'd have a slimmer chance. And, by a margin of 4 to 1, this cross-section of the American public rejected the notion that peace can be secured by reliance on military strength alone.



You Can't "Try" Communism

In America you can always change your mind. . . But not under Communism. You don't think. You don't talk. Try it? You can't "try" Communism any more than you can try cyanide. You either buy Communism, or you don't. If you do buy the Red Package, you're stuck with it. No ret'n of goods. You *don't* change your mind.

Keep an eye open for the wily comrade. When he tells you to "try" it say, "Why not try arsenic, or cancer, or leprosy? How can you 'try' something when you can't change your mind?"—From a booklet issued by R R Donnelley & Sons Co, Chicago.

Cross Country COMMENT



Europe Is Looking Up—and Settling Down—HUGH BAILLIE, pres., United Press, on radio program, Report From Overseas (CBS) as quoted by U P.

Europe is settling down, going back to work, and feeling optimistic.

Now it can be said that over a great deal of Europe the lights are coming on again. This change in atmosphere. . . is attributable to several factors: One is the Marshall plan. . . The people feel happier and more confident. . . certain the U S is going to stick with them until they get on their feet.

Another factor is the defeat of the Communist in the Italian election. Rightly or wrongly there is a growing feeling that the spread of communism is being contained.

I am not trying to tell you that everything in Europe is sweetness and light. It is not.

What I am telling you is that the countries that have come within the scope of the Marshall plan and Western European unions are feeling happier and cockier than since before the rise of Hitler.

One of the biggest and most important things that can be done to help in the reconstruction of Western Europe is to have accurate exchange of information.

That is why the Geneva Conference of Freedom of Information was so important. Regardless of what steps may be taken to facilitate the interchange of news among nations by treaties, the Geneva Conference constituted a public form where the value of true news going from country to country was placed on an illuminated stage for all the world to see.

